



March 13, 2007

H.R. 1003 - To amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Floor Situation

H.R. 1003 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Diane Watson (D-CA) on February 12, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, by voice vote, on February 15, 2007

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Summary

H.R. 1003 reauthorizes the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy through September 30, 2009, which expired on October 1, 2006.

Background

According to the State Department, the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is: "responsible for assessing public diplomacy policies and programs of the U.S. State Department, American missions abroad, and other agencies. Advisory Commission responsibilities extend to international exchanges, U.S. Government international information programs, and publicly funded non-governmental organizations."

The Commission, which was established in 1948, has seven members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Terms for Commission members are for three years. The Commission is also responsible for submitting reports to Congress, the Department of State, and the U.S. Information Agency.

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy was last reauthorized in the 109th Congress as part of the FY 2006 Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (P.L. 109-108).

CBO Estimate

H.R. 1003 has not been scored by CBO.

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